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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 8 February 1954

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell, Colonel White, Messrs. Kirkpatrick,  
[redacted] Sheldon, [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked [redacted] to furnish him with a report on the "Vietnam Leader" in New York. In this connection, the Director also asked Mr. Sheldon to revive the paper on the whereabouts of Ho Chi-Min and stated action should be taken to verify, if possible, whether Ho is still alive and if so where he might be. Mr. Dulles noted his intention of raising this subject at an NSC Meeting.

b. Raised the subject of the continuation of the Log in its present form and after some discussion it was agreed to continue it, but no operational information, briefs of cables, etc., would be included. The Director said, however, that the following items are of interest to him: receipt of important correspondence; training items; the return and/or departure of Ambassadors; visit to Headquarters of Senior field officers. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that the Log, wherever possible, be classified no higher than Confidential. The Director approved and asked [redacted] to draft an appropriate directive on its new composition.

c. Referred to a paper on East-West Trade, prepared by Defense, and asked DD/P and DD/I to furnish comments for his use at the next OCB Meeting.

d. Noted that Val Peterson had requested a study on the Soviet Guided Missile Program, and asked Mr. Sheldon to draft a reply for his (DCI's) signature.

e. Referred to a cable [redacted] (CN 11131) respecting the status of the Committee for Free Asia and asked [redacted] to obtain comments on this from [redacted]

General Cabell:

Recommended that substantive intelligence information received as a result of our [redacted] be made available to DD/I by allowing representatives of his office to screen cables. The Director approved. General Cabell also raised the problem of making this type information available [redacted] and suggested that such information at least be furnished the intelligence chiefs of these agencies on an Eyes Only basis. The Director pointed out he was still concerned over security in regard to [redacted] and stated we should withhold dissemination of the information in question until we learned of [redacted]. Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that in the meantime a report of the take from [redacted] be prepared [redacted] in order that it might be released immediately at such time as the security barrier is down. The Director approved.

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Mr. Kirkpatrick:

25X1 a. Reported that Congressman Rooney had requested information on NCPE from [ ] After some discussion the Director agreed to call Congressman Taber on this as soon as further word is received from Mr. Kirkpatrick;

25X1 b. Referred to a discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on Friday, 29 January 1954, respecting the CIA officer who served as the Chairman of the Loyalty Board which sat on the case of a Post Office Department employee, and stated Congressmen Bolton and Curtis were satisfied that the charges made against our man are without fact.

25X1 c. Noted an article by a [ ] which indicated that the ChiComs had recaptured eleven of the off-shore islands. The Director asked Mr. [ ] to query [ ] on this report.

Mr. Sheldon:

